(c) whether it is also a fact that there are frequent squabbles between coaches and scientists of the Institute which affect the performance of the Sports persons; and

(d) if so, the details of the steps Government have already taken or propose to take to create a calm and conducive atmosphere at the Institute ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Most of the equipments are being put to optimum use. Only the following equipments, being old and out-dated have gone out of order and have remained idle :

(i) Ergopneumotest for Oxygen and Carbon dioxide analysis manufactured by M/s. Erich Jeager, Germany;

(ii) Film Motion Analyzer for analysis of the movement of various parts of body manufactured by M/s International Marketing Co., U.K.;

(iii) Sports Tester watches manufactured by Polar Electronics, Holland,

(iv) Lactate Analyzer, manufactured by M/s. Yellow Spring(USA; and

(v) Diapulse and Thermotrone.

(c) No. Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Declaration of Mega Cities

*354. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA-ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) what were the concepts and norms for declaring a city as a 'Mega City';

(b) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration for declaring some cities in the country as 'Mega Cities';

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) how Government propose to make funds available for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SHEILA KAUL) : (a) to (d). The Government of India to not declare any cities as Mega cities. Taking into consideraion the present population, urban growth rate and contribution by the bigger metropolitan, viz. Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Bangalore and Hyderabad, the Plnning Commission has proposed to introduce a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for infrastructure development in these cities. Proposals received from the State Governments of Maharashtra, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh in respect of Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and Hyderabad respectively have been recommended to the Planning Commission.

Discussions have been held with the States Governments by the Planning Commission. No final decision has been arrived at regarding size of projects to be taken up in each of these cities and the pattern of funding.

Reclaiming of land in the Yamuna River Bed

*355. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Development Auhority plans to reclaim thousands of hectares of land in the Yamuna River bed: and

(b) if so, what are the details of schemes indicating the purpose for which the reclaimed land would be utilised?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SHEILA KAUL): (a) and (b) While a comprehensive project for reclamation of Yamuna River Bed has not yet been taken up by DDA, preliminary feasibility reports